Reimbursement of operational cost of Cashew Project to Karnataka

2467. SHRI J.P. JAVALI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Karnataka Government has submitted a proposal to the Government of India for reimbursement of Rs. 114.22 lakhs towards the operational cost of World Bank assisted multi-state-cashew project in operation in Dakshina Kannada District, Karnataka State from 1980-81 to 30th September, 1987; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for the delay in reimbursing the amount to Karnataka, even though the World Bank has already reimbursed the said amount to the Government of India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) An amount of Rs. 124.60 lakhs has been released as Additional Central Assistance to the Government of Karnataka on 7th September, 1988 in respect of the multi-state World Bank assisted Cashew project.

बाढ़ से बचने के लिए भारतीय राष्ट्रिकों का पाकिस्तान की सीमा में प्रवेश

2468. **श्री राम जेठमलानी :**
सरदार जगजीत सिंह अरोड़ा :

क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सीमा के समीप स्थित गांवों के लगभग 300 से 400 निवासी पंजाब में हाल की आई बाढ़ के कारण सुरक्षित स्थान की तलाश करते हुये पाकिस्तान सीमा में प्रवेश कर गये थे ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार ने उन्हें स्वदेश भेजने के लिए पाकिस्तान सरकार के साथ कोई पत्र-व्यवहार किया है ; और

(ग) इस संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है ?

कार्मिक, लोक शिकायत और पेंशन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री तथा गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी० चिदम्बरम्): (क) जी नहीं, श्रीमान् ।

(ख) और (ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Closure of MSK Mills, Gulbarga

2469. SHRI H. HANUMAN THAPPA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that negotiations were held with the workers' representatives of MSK Mills, Gulbarga during the month of September, 1988;

(b) if so, what were the proposals given to the workers and what was the result of the negotiations, since the Mills is closed and whether it is a lay off or lock out or complete closure; and

(c) in case it is lay off, whether the workers are entitled to 50 per cent of the wages and whether any wages have been paid to the workers ever since the closure of the Mills?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. After having further discussions with the trade unions by the management during October, 1988 an interim agreement was signed on 29-10-88 covering the following important points:—

(1) a long term work-load agreement shall be signed after negotiations and before the re-opening of the mill;

(2) linking 40 per cent of wages with productivity;

(3) Special Voluntary retirement scheme for rationalisation of surplus workmen would be announced by the mill management;

(4) 7 day working/interval working would be continued or stopped at the discretion of the management; and

(5) to give recoverable advance of Rs. 1000 at the time of interim agreement and another advance of Rs. 500 at the time of reopening the mill to enable the workmen to smoothly re-start the mill.

The operation of the mill has been suspended by the management with effect from 1st June, 1988 due to non-availability of electricity.

(c) No Wages have been paid to the workers since the suspension of operations in the mill w.e.f. 1-6-1988.

Economic offences

2470. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of eonomic offences committed during 1987 and 1988 involving more than Rs. 1 lakh in each case, other than narcotics smuggling, foreign exchange racket and evasion of customs and central excise duties; and

(b) what is the name of the State in which highest number of suh cases involving the largest amount of money was detected?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) The number of economic offences committed during the years 1987 and 1988 are given as under:

	No. of cases detected involving more than Rs. 1 lakh	
	1987	1988
Central Excise	1260	833
Enforcement	1588	1000
	Total number of cases detected	
	1987	1988 (upto 21-11-88)
Anti-smuggling	55,873	50,122

(b) The maximum number of cases involving evasion of Central Excise duty of over Rs. 1 lakh occurred in State of Gujarat in 1987 and 1988 (upto 31-10-88).

The Enforcement Directorate and Anti-smuggling Unit do not maintain Statewise statistics.

Arrest of a Delhi-based arms dealer

2471. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Delhi-based arms dealer against whom a warrant was issued and who was declered a 'proclaimed offender' under the Official Secrets Act, has not so far been arrested;

(b) whether the same arms dealer is at present in Delhi and staying in East-West Medical Centre, 38, Gold Links, New Delhi;

(c) if so, what steps have been taken to arrest him; and

(d) if no steps have so far been taken, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS.